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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--23 NOVEMBER 1964

1. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE "G"-CLASS MISSILE-LAUNCHING SUBMARINE SPOTTED AT DAIREN IN 7 NOVEMBER. PHOTOS APPARENTLY WAS BUILT THERE BY THE CHINESE.

B. DETAILED REVIEW OF PAST PHOTOS OF DAIREN NOW SHOWS THAT THE HULL ASSEMBLY BEGAN ABOUT JUNE 1962. IT MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF A NUMBER OF NAVAL PROJECTS LAID ON WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS IN 1960, BUT WAS PROBABLY BUILT WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT SOVIET AID.

C. THE SOVIET G-CLASS SUBMARINE IS DIESEL POWERED AND CARRIES THREE SURFACE-LAUNCHED 350 NM MISSILES. THE DAIREN SUBMARINE IS POSSIBLY COMPLETED, BUT WE CANNOT TELL TO WHAT EXTENT IT HAS BEEN FITTED OUT OR WHETHER IT ADHERES TO SOVIET SPECIFICATIONS.

D. THE CHINESE ARE PROBABLY DEVELOPING THE MISSILES AND WARHEADS THEMSELVES. IN ANY EVENT, WE THINK THE SUBMARINE IS A LONG WAY FROM BEING OPERATIONAL IN ITS MISSILE-LAUNCHING ROLE. [REDACTED]

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2. CONGO (AS OF 0800 EST):

A. THE VAN DER WALLE COLUMN ENROUTE TO STANLEYVILLE IS AT LUBUTU, 125 MILES AWAY. THUS FAR IT HAS MET WITH ONLY LIGHT RESISTANCE. [REDACTED]

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B. THE PRESS IS CARRYING "UNCONFIRMED" REPORTS OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE BELGIAN PARATROOPS AT KAMINA IN THE CONGO, AND WORD HAS REACHED UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

C. THE SITUATION IN STANLEYVILLE ITSELF IS FAR FROM CLEAR, AND WE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION ON THE DEGREE OF CONTROL EXERCISED BY REBEL AUTHORITIES.

D. A REBEL BROADCAST HAS STATED THAT DR. CARLSON HAS BEEN GIVEN ANOTHER REPRIEVE. THERE IS NO FIRM INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF OTHER HOSTAGES, ALLEGEDLY REMOVED FROM STANLEYVILLE ITSELF.

E. REBEL BROADCASTS HAVE MADE CRUDE THREATS ABOUT THEIR FATE AND TIE THIS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN NAIROBI WITH KANZA, WHO ARRIVED THERE ONLY YESTERDAY.

F. TSHOMBE AND KASAVUBU PROBABLY FEEL BETTER NOW, BUT IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THEY HAD BEEN GETTING SOMEWHAT EDGY. THEY FELT THEY WERE BEING PUSHED AROUND. YESTERDAY TSHOMBE WAS URGING IMMEDIATE USE OF THE BELGIAN PARATROOPS.

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I. SOVIET REACTION THUS FAR TO THE MOVEMENT OF BELGIAN
TROOPS HAS BEEN STANDARD, BUT RELATIVELY MILD.

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B. USSR: KOSYGIN'S SON-IN-LAW, A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR'S STATE COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, SAYS THERE IS A NEW SOVIET INDUSTRIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY, PARTIALLY TO CONSERVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE. HENCEFORTH, WESTERN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND LICENSES, RATHER THAN COMPLETE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, WILL BE SOUGHT. WE HAVE NOTED RECENTLY A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL IN SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS FOR PLANTS, AND THIS MAY EXPLAIN IT.

C. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: CZECH PARTY BOSS NOVOTNY, WHO SHUNNED THE SOVIET 7 NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS, HAS NOW ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO MOSCOW, BUT THERE ARE CONTINUING SIGNS THAT PRAGUE WISHES TO TREAD A SOMEWHAT INDEPENDENT PATH.

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[REDACTED] PRAGUE WANTS NEW TRADE TALKS WITH THE US FOR WHICH IT WOULD PAVE THE WAY BY SETTLING CLAIMS FOR CONFISCATED US PROPERTY.

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D. SOUTH VIETNAM: NO DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED THUS FAR TODAY, FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S POLICE ACTION AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS IN SAIGON WHO WERE CALLING FOR CHANGES IN

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PREMIER HUONG'S GOVERNMENT. HUONG HAD MILITARY BACKING YESTERDAY, BUT GENERAL KHANH'S ATTITUDE COULD CHANGE IF THE BUDDHISTS SHOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED.

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E. YEMEN: ALTHOUGH SOME FIGHTING, INITIATED BY ROYALIST ATTACKS, CONTINUES IN THE NORTH DESPITE THE CEASE-FIRE, THE SAUDIS AND THE EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR A SETTLEMENT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BOTH COUNTRIES ARE COOPERATING IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE REPUBLICAN-ROYALIST UNITY CONFERENCE. THIS WAS DUE TO START TODAY, BUT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR A WEEK.

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G. PANAMA: STUDENT GROUPS WERE PLANNING A MARCH TODAY ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING, AND THE LEADERS ARE REPORTED READY TO INCITE VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO CREATE NEW MARTYRS. THE NEXT DAY OR SO COULD PROVIDE A TEST OF PRESIDENT ROBLE'S DETERMINATION TO RESIST ULTRANATIONALIST PRESSURES.

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